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Johnson Receives Environmental Honor *Connecticut Greenways Council Recognizes Congresswoman*

NEW BRITAIN, CT – The Connecticut Greenways Council honored Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today for her “dedication” and “special achievement” in protecting open space and trails throughout Connecticut.

“Connecticut’s trails and open spaces deserve vigilant protection,” Johnson said. “Greenways help preserve Connecticut’s environment and promote exercise and healthy living. I look forward to continuing to work with the Greenways Council and the many volunteers who keep these trails open and accessible.”

“Congresswoman Johnson has been very active and pushing hard for us since the early 1980s,” said council member Joe Hickey, who joined Department of Environmental Protection official Leslie Lewis to present the council’s “Achievement Award” at Johnson’s New Britain office today.

Official Connecticut greenways or trails include the Housatonic Riverbelt Greenway, the Farmington River Trail, and the Metacomet Ridge greenway system through central Connecticut.

In 2002, President Bush signed into law Johnson’s measure commissioning a study to determine whether the Metacomet and Matabassett trails can receive federal protection as part of the national trails system.

According to the Council’s website, greenways are linear open spaces that can help conserve native landscapes and ecosystems by protecting, maintaining, and restoring natural connecting corridors. They can provide opportunities for recreation, exercise, and alternative transportation. Greenways can also contribute to local tourism and to the preservation of scenic, cultural, and historic assets in the state.

More information can be found at <http://dep.state.ct.us/stateparks/greenways/index.htm>.

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